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For: *Induction Heating Devices and Methods for Controllably Heating an Article*

The Following is Attached:

1. Request for Acknowledgement and Consideration of Previously Filed Information Disclosure Statements - (2 pages)
2. Amendment After Allowance (37 CFR §1.312) - (9 pages)
3. Appendices A-B (14 pages)

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Serial No.: **10/017,492**

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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This Petition is being filed to request acknowledgement of two previously filed Information Disclosure Statements in the above-referenced application.

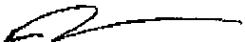
Applicants submitted the Information Disclosure Statements on January 8, 2002 ("IDS No. 1") and on October 10, 2002 ("IDS No. 2"). Copies of the PTO-1449 forms associated with IDS No. 1 and IDS No. 2 were returned to Applicants during prosecution of the application with the Examiner's initials indicating acknowledgment of references cited therein. However, the copy of the PTO-1449 form from IDS No. 1 returned to Applicants did not include acknowledgment of Item No. 12 thereof. Similarly, the copy of the PTO-1449 form from IDS No. 2 returned to Applicants did not include acknowledgment of Item No. 3 thereof.

A copy of IDS No. 1 as filed is attached as Appendix A. A copy of IDS No. 2 as filed is attached as Appendix B. Copies of the acknowledged PTO-1449 forms as returned to Applicants are attached as Appendix C. Clean copies of the PTO-1449 forms are attached as Appendix D.

Applicants hereby request consideration of the above-noted Information Disclosure Statements and return of the fully initialed PTO-1449 forms indicating consideration of all of the cited references of the Information Disclosure Statements.

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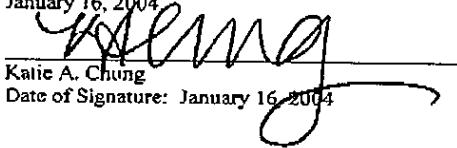
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APPENDIX A

IDS filed January 8, 2002

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- 1. Return postcard**
- 2. Information Disclosure Statement**
- 3. PTO-1449**

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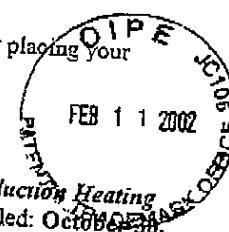
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Respectfully,
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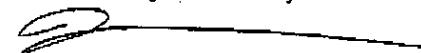
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Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with a copy of each identified document. It is requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to co-pending application Serial No. 09/756,548, filed January 8, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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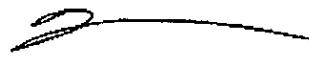
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